

The Parish of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

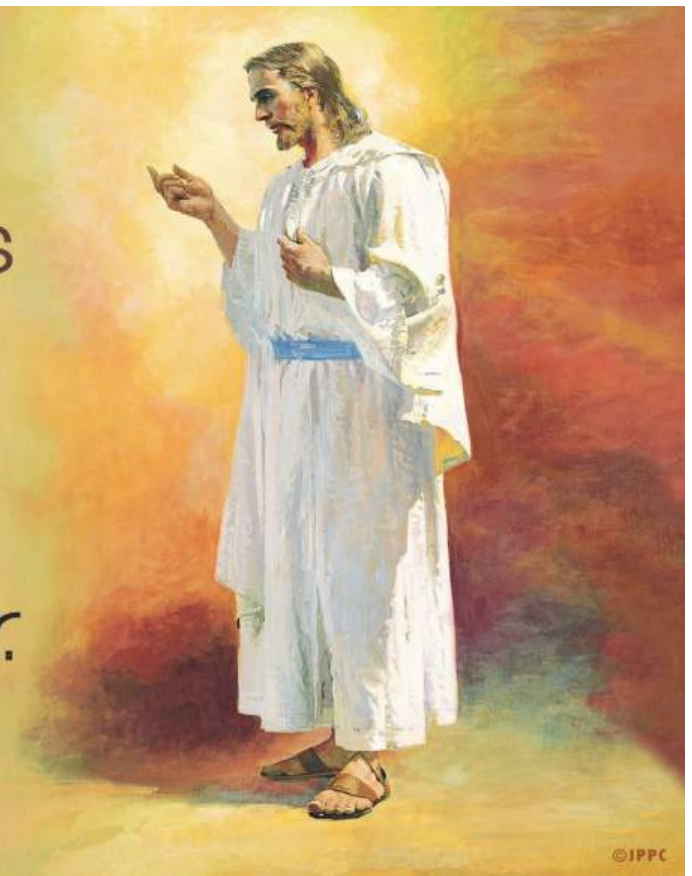
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July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The righteous
will shine like
the sun in
the kingdom
of their Father.

MATTHEW 13:43



Our Parish is Served by:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hlubik, Pastor, x302
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Office Hours: Mon. - Wed., 9am - 2pm

Summer Mass Schedule Beginning May 27th

Monday - Saturday:	8:30am Chapel
Saturday (Vigil):	5:00pm Church
Sunday: 7:30 (no music), 9:00 & 10:30am	Church
Holy Days of Obligation (Vigil):	6:30pm Church
(Day):	9:30am Church

Confession: Saturday 4 - 4:30pm or by appointment



Saturday, July 22, 2023

- 8:30am** For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones, Living & Deceased
- 5:00pm** For A Special Intention r/b Laura & Greg Vigil
- 5:00pm** Joe Merkle r/b Jack & Debbie McCormack

Sunday, July 23, 2023

- 7:30am** For the People of the Parish
- 7:30am** Thomas Quinn r/b Bert & Mary Brady
- 9:00am** Lucille & Joseph Libonati r/b Gail & Joe Marini
- 9:00am** Josephine Kowal r/b Gail & Joe Marini
- 10:30am** Lorraine M. Freeman
r/b Virginia Burke Simmonds
- 10:30am** Fr. Daniel Kelly r/b Renzulli Family

Monday, July 24, 2023

- 8:30am** For the Intentions of Sara & Nicholas Etzold
r/b Etzold Family
- 8:30am** Bob Egle r/b The Fieseler Family

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

- 8:30am** Kitty Schneider r/b Nora & Rich Renzulli
- 8:30am** Guy Blehl r/b Nora & Rich Renzulli

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

- 8:30am** In Thanksgiving r/b Mary Shaffer
- 8:30am** William Zaidel r/b Wife, Loretta

Thursday, July 27, 2023

- 8:30am** Carolann Traverso r/b Traverso Family
- 8:30am** John Bowes r/b Frank Petranich

Friday, July 28, 2023

- 8:30am** Robert & Florence Tynski r/b Son
- 8:30am** Theresa Wawrzonkiewicz r/b Borowski Family

Saturday, July 29, 2023

- 8:30am** For Our Parish Families & Their Loved Ones, Living & Deceased
- 5:00pm** Kevin Zebrowski r/b Mom & Dad Vigil
- 5:00pm** Anne Connors

Sunday, July 30, 2023

- 7:30am** For the People of the Parish
- 7:30am** Gertrude Bierster r/b Laura & Greg Bierster
- 9:00am** Marie Parada r/b Linda Miksza
- 9:00am** Michael & Maureen Galloway
r/b Bert & Mary Brady
- 10:30am** James McElderry r/b McElderry Family
- 10:30am** Robert & Florence Tynski r/b Son
- 10:30am** Living & Deceased Members of the
Murphy & Gleeson Families

Healing:

Fr. Douglas Freer, The Filippini Religious Teachers in Rome, Albania & Ethiopia, Nick Lettas, Mary Anne Grandinetti, Mary Buontempo, Pat McCourt, Maureen Burrell, Baby Landon Wierks, Ginny & Emil Stefanacci, Jim Tavormina, Gina Palmieri, Mike Rodriguez, Nicholas Meola, David Vetere, Joe Romano, Greg Thomas, Sherrie Forst, Thaddeus Jacoviak, Susan Smith, Kelly Palmieri, Sharon Kline, Alan Kurinovich, Maegan Higham, Bill Smith, Richard J. O'Neill, Tommy Traina, For all who have received Prayer Blankets & For All the Sick of the Parish

(Names will remain on the healing prayer list for 4 weeks; please call the parish office if you wish to extend).



Deceased:

Helen Byrne, Kathleen Pardalos, Jack Howell, Margaret Delaney, Michael Sherlock, Jean Orlando, Bernadette Flaherty, Angelina Santora, Daniel Kasha, Ronald Zappulla, Kenneth Shedosky, Vincent Porcelli, Sr., Sue Orłowski, Anna May Wolfe, Joe Merkle, Rosemarie Calice, Eveline Sadakas, Josephine Kowal, Bob Egle, Michael Galloway, Vincent & Christine Manente, Edith Cullen, Bernadette Shedosky, Len Calderaro, Winifred Kelly

Our Heroes:

All our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection.



The following will be said after the 8:30am Mass:

**Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays
Divine Mercy Chaplet on Thursdays
Adoration & Benediction on Fridays**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Come to Our Aid

“Mother of Perpetual Help, Your Very Name Inspires Confidence.”

By Patty Knap for The National Catholic Register Part 2

When St. Matthew’s was destroyed in 1789, the icon was rescued and hung in an obscure monastery chapel until the Redemptorists learned that the site of their new headquarters in Rome had once been the site of St. Matthew’s, the one-time home of a miraculous icon of Our Lady.

A Redemptorist priest who visited the monastery chapel as a young man informed his brothers where to find the image. The Redemptorists asked Pope Pius IX for permission to move the icon to their new church, San Alfonso, which was built on the location of the icon’s earlier home. The pope granted his permission and told the Redemptorists to “make her known throughout the world.”

The icon portrays sorrow. Mary’s expression is one of sorrow, while showing maternal affection. The angels in the upper corners of the picture carry the instruments of Christ’s Sorrowful Passion. Christ Himself manifests fright and sorrow as He turns away in fear from the instruments of torture. In His haste to find refuge in the arms of His Mother, His sandal has come loose and it seems to be falling from his foot. With her left arm she supports her Child. So closely does she hold him that it is impossible to separate Mother and Child in the picture. This points to the closeness between Jesus and Mary. Many cathedrals, parishes, schools, hospitals, and organizations all over the world carry the name of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, also known as Our Mother of Perpetual Help. In South America and the Philippines She is known as Our Lady of Good Succor. Since 1866, the Redemptorists are the official caretakers of the original Our Lady of Perpetual Help icon and the primary promoters of the devotion.

This icon has been in Rome since 1499, and is currently in the Church of Sant’Alfonso di Liguori all’Esquilino.

- (6) Star on our Lady’s veil means she is the star of the sea who brought the light Jesus into this world.
- (4) Mary’s mouth is small for silent recollection. She speaks little.
- (2) Greek initial for St. Michael, the archangel.
- (7) Red tunic is the color worn by virgins at the time of Christ (AD33).
- (10) Dark blue mantle – the color worn by mothers in Palestine. means Mary is both virgin and mother of Christ.
- (11) The entire background is gold representing the heaven.



- (1) Meaning of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (icon 1) Greek initial for Mother of God.
- (12) Golden crown placed on the original picture as a token of many miracles wrought by our lady invoked under the title of perpetual help.
- (5) Mary’s eyes are larger, for in all our troubles, they are turned towards us always.
- (3) Greek initial for St. Gabriel, the archangel.
- (13) Greek initials for Jesus Christ.
- (8) Christ’s hands turned palms down into his mother’s indicate that the grace of redemption is in her keeping.
- (9) Mary’s left hand supports Christ possessively. That means she is his mother. It’s a comforting hand for everyone who calls on her.
- (14) Foot with falling sandal represents Christ’s divine nature, barely clinging to earth. The human nature is symbolized in the other foot to which the sandal is more firmly bound. This simply means that Christ has two natures, Human and Divine.

Thank You for your Support!!

Contributions Weekend of July 16, 2023	This Past Week	Same week Last Year
At Church	\$ 9,561	\$10,301
Online	\$ 2,146	\$ 2,131
Total	\$11,707	\$12,432



Please consider giving Online with our safe, secure Parish Giving program. It is very easy to sign up, just scan the QR code (use the camera on your phone) or visit the parish website.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 6, 2023 in St. James Church, Red Bank, for Msgr. Frederick A. Valentino, who died June 29th. The Principal celebrant was Bishop David M. O'Connell. At the time of his death, Msgr. Valentino had been the oldest priest of the Diocese. Msgr. Valentino was born in 1925 in Trenton, Msgr. served as parochial vicar in Our Lady of Peace Parish, Fords; Holy Angels Parish, Hamilton; St. Bonaventure Parish, Lavallette and St. Joseph Parish, Trenton. In 1979, Msgr. Valentino was invested as a Prelate of Honor with the title of monsignor by Pope John Paul II. He was named pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish (now part of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, Lavallette) in 1990 and resigned as pastor in 1998.



Msgr. Frederick A. Valentino

(Excerpts taken from the Diocesan monthly publication, **The Monitor**, July, 2023 edition.)

Let us keep Msgr. Valentino in our prayers and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Congratulations to the **Bishop Family**. Their son, **Oliver**, was baptized on Sunday, July 16th. We welcome Oliver into St. Pio's faith community.



St. Pio Parish welcomes

John & Nancy Albanese
into it's faith community.

Dear Parishioner & Friends:

Contributing to our poor box every week is very much appreciated. Your donations make it possible for us to help organizations that assist in doing good for others. Thank you for being so generous and involved and supporting our mission. Since January 2023, St. Pio's poor box donations totaled \$4,000. Four checks for \$1,000 each was given to:

- St. Vincent DePaul/St. Joseph Church
- Seeds of Service
- Madonna House
- Downey Side Adoption Agency

God Bless you all!
Fr. Joseph Hlubik



The Catholic Charities 2022 Annual Reports are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one home with you.

The Bread and Wine has been donated for the month of July, in loving memory of **Tom Higham**, by wife, Sophie.





St. Pio's Respect Life

committee would like to thank all who participated in the Baby Shower that took place on the weekend of July 8th and 9th. Besides the clothing donations and diapers, etc., \$1,824 was collected. This will all be donated to Birth Right of Toms River. God bless you and yours and thank you once again for your generosity.

On World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023...

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to the second annual

Diocesan Retired, Elderly AND Infirm Priests FUND

Collection to be held in all parishes of the Diocese of Trenton
July 22-23, 2023

This year, there are 85 retired priests of the Diocese. Please remember them in your prayers and be as generous as your circumstances allow.

**GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE
FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT**
"Do you want us to go pull them up?" He replied "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them." **Matthew 10:28**

In this parable Jesus is warning us not to attempt to anticipate the final judgment. He will separate the wheat from the weeds. In other words, "Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good." (Romans 12:9) or "Hate the sin - Love the sinner."

Judgment is God's alone. We must love all sinners, even the abortionists and child mutilators, as does God. We must exercise patience and pray for their repentance.

Love God, Love the Sinner!



Meet Baby Landon Wierks

Baby Landon Wierks was born February 14th, 2022. During Landon's first month of Life, he was diagnosed with Neurological Gaucher Disease Type 2. There is no cure. There is no effective treatment.

Landon carries a Port in his chest for Bi-weekly Enzyme treatments and a Permanent Feeding Tube in his stomach. He endures numerous hospital stays and Bravely battles his symptoms. And through it all, he continues to Smile and Love. And his Family continues to maintain Faith and Prayer. Through God's Grace and the Blessed Mother's Intercession, so many Prayers have been answered already. We ask you to please Pray for Peace in the Hearts of his Family and the Miracle only God can provide 🙏

If you have someone special in your family that you would like us to pray for, please call the Parish Office. ♥

Dear Parishioners of St. Pio Parish:

On Behalf of Bishop Jose Slaby and the people of Prelature of Esquel in Argentina (Patagonia) I want to thank you for your prayers and generous support last weekend. Your donation to the **Mission Appeal** will help ensure that the Gospel is spread and reaches even to "the end of the earth." Thank you for helping build from scratch Prelature of Esquel. Thanks to your support poor and underprivileged can experience the joy of the Gospel that brings true hope in their very challenging life. Be assured that you will be always remembered in our prayers. May God bless you all!

Fr. Dominik Jurek



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Blessing of the Water

In honor of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Tuesday, August 15

5 p.m. Mass at St. Pio Church

Procession to the Beach at 6 p.m.

Picnic-Style Dinner immediately following



Bring bottles to collect
the Blessed Water



Join us afterward for a Picnic-Style Dinner at St. Pio's Parish Hall!

Menu

Hot Dogs	Salads
Sausage	Baked Beans
Chicken	Desserts
Soda, Water, Coffee & Tea	

Cost:
\$10
per person
Kids under 10 Free

Mail or bring your payment
to the Parish Office
Mon-Wed, 9 am-2 pm,
by Wednesday, August 9

Questions?
Call 732-793-7291

We need your help! Join our Blessing of the Water Dinner Team

Volunteer to make a salad (potato, macaroni, pasta, green) , bring a dessert, or cut watermelon. Donate cans of soda, setup, cleanup, serve the meal or staff the kitchen. Lets make this event a great success! Call Joyce Kobylarz at 973-714-6797 by August 10th to help!

Our Parish Ministries & Organizations - we invite you to call and join in!

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Email
Adult Altar Servers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Altar Linen Laundry	Adele Merkle	732-830-5242	merkles@verizon.net
Collection Counters	Joe Kobylarz/Rich Traverso	973-747-4599	objoekoby@aol.com
Communion for Homebound	Dianne Hayden Theresa Coleman	732-575-0222 732-830-3168	dkhay5@aol.com theresahtgs@aol.com
Faith Sharing	Maureen Zebrowski	732-259-1578	mzeb@aol.com
Holy Name Society	Tom Leonard	732-995-0044	thomasleonard62@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Alex Barletta, GK	908-578-5095	barlettaa@verizon.net
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Lavallette Seniors	James Peeney	732-793-4675	JDPeeney@msn.com
Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com
Parish Nurses	Joan Blanchfield	201-362-4148	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Pro-Life	Georgina Vastola	732-742-3986	gmvastola@optimum.net
Raffle Committee	Jack McCormack	732-830-4787	jack17mac@verizon.net
Religious Education & R.C.I.A.	John Paglione	732-899-1398 x5	pags711@gmail.com
Rosary Altar Society	Joan Blanchfield	732-854-1276	blanchrn139@gmail.com
Ushers	Chris Grandinetti	908-910-6214	chris.grandinetti@gmail.com
Wedding Ministry	Joyce Kobylarz	973-714-6797	jkoby2@aol.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	September	5:30pm
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY	Meeting	Monday	September	1:00pm
FAITH SHARING	Meeting	Wednesday	July	9:00am
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 8415				
K of C Ladies Auxiliary				
LAVALLETTE SENIORS				
RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP	2nd Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, Msgr. Casey Hall			3:30pm
FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY	No meetings in summer Recited on Tuesdays at 8am in the Chapel and on Sundays at 8:30am in the Church			

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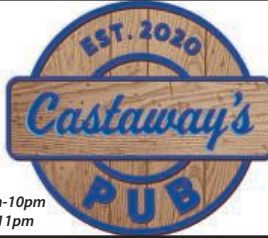
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